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Hatchett Place House
313 Catoma Street
Montgomery, Ala.
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GARRETT - HATCHETT PLACE (Residence)
Montgomery, Montgomery County, Alabama.
313 CATOMA ST.

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Ownership:

Present Owner: Miss Lucy Hatchett.
Previous Owners: Mr. Garrett.
Mr. Ben Davis.
Mr. George Holmes.
Mr. William Hatchett.

Date of Erection: 1856.

Architect: Unknown.

Builder: Garrett.

Present Condition: Good; structure remains as originally built.

Number of Stories: Two.

Materials of Construction: The floors are of pine; the exterior walls are of wood siding. On the corners of the house there are beveled wood blocks, imitating stone quoins. The interior walls are of plaster; on the walls and ceilings are moldings and a panthus leaf frieze. The house has a metal roof with standing seams.

Other existing Records: There is an oil painting of the house which was done by, Alice McGee Ledbetter. It is owned by Mrs J. D. Holmes, 37 Barrow Street, New York City. There are several copies of a sketch done by Earl Lutz. These are in possession of different members of the family, one of which is owned by Earl Lutz.

A photograph appeared in the Birmingham News, Sunday November 25, 1934, illustrating an article by Varian Peare. (Mrs. E. Walter Burkhardt.)

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Additional Data: There are three arches across the front of the house; the arches are beautifully proportioned and give the house unusual distinction. The parlors, dining room, and bed rooms have many built-in features. Some of mahogany and others are walnut with magnolia inlay. There is a side porch which leads from the dining room into the side garden. The front yard is filled with ivy and Virginia Creeper. The house was once painted white but it has now turned into a soft shade of brown which gives it a very pleasing appearance.

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HATCHETT PLACE
313 Catoma Street
Montgomery, Montgomery County, Alabama.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The unusual features of Hatchett house, built by a Mr. Garrett, make it outstanding in the city of Montgomery. The mansion is constructed of wood siding with large wood quoins. The first floor wall is eighteen inches thick, an unusual width for wooden wall construction. Smooth flush boards and wood brackets make up the cornice. The brackets are small, except at the corners of the house, where they are large enough to spring from the top quoins.

The square cupola has round-headed windows and great corner chamfers of medieval profile. On each side of the main roof are three brick chimneys with inset arches. The middle chimney of each group has a second floor fireplace, but no first floor fireplace or support, as indicated on the plan.

Both the front porch and the two rear porches are one storey high and have round arches. The porches at the rear connect with the main house two small buildings, one the kitchen and the other a bed room.

The interior of the mansion has some built-in furniture of walnut: a china closet in the dining room, book cases in the library and two wardrobes in the first floor bed room. The wardrobe mirrors have ogee-arched heads.

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